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Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **Bell Atlantic/GTE Merger Order. CC Docket No. 98-184 - REDACTED**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The attached letter is being sent to Anthony Dale in response to a request made by him to summarize the legal analysis previously provided regarding Verizon's out-of-region expenditures. The attached letter is confidential in nature has been redacted. A confidential version is being filed "under seal." Two copies of this notice are being submitted to the Secretary of the FCC in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann D. Berkowitz".

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cc: Anthony Dale
Mark Stone

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